

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the issues involved in the creation and ratification of the Constitution of the United States of America and how the principles of limited government, consent of the governed, and the social contract are embodied in it by (a) explaining the origins of the Constitution, including the Articles of Confederation.

Fearful of a powerful central government, American political leaders adopted the Articles of Confederation in 1781.

### Articles of Confederation

No executive branch  
No judicial branch  
No common currency

Weak national government  
Congress could not tax or regulate interstate commerce.  
Each state had one vote